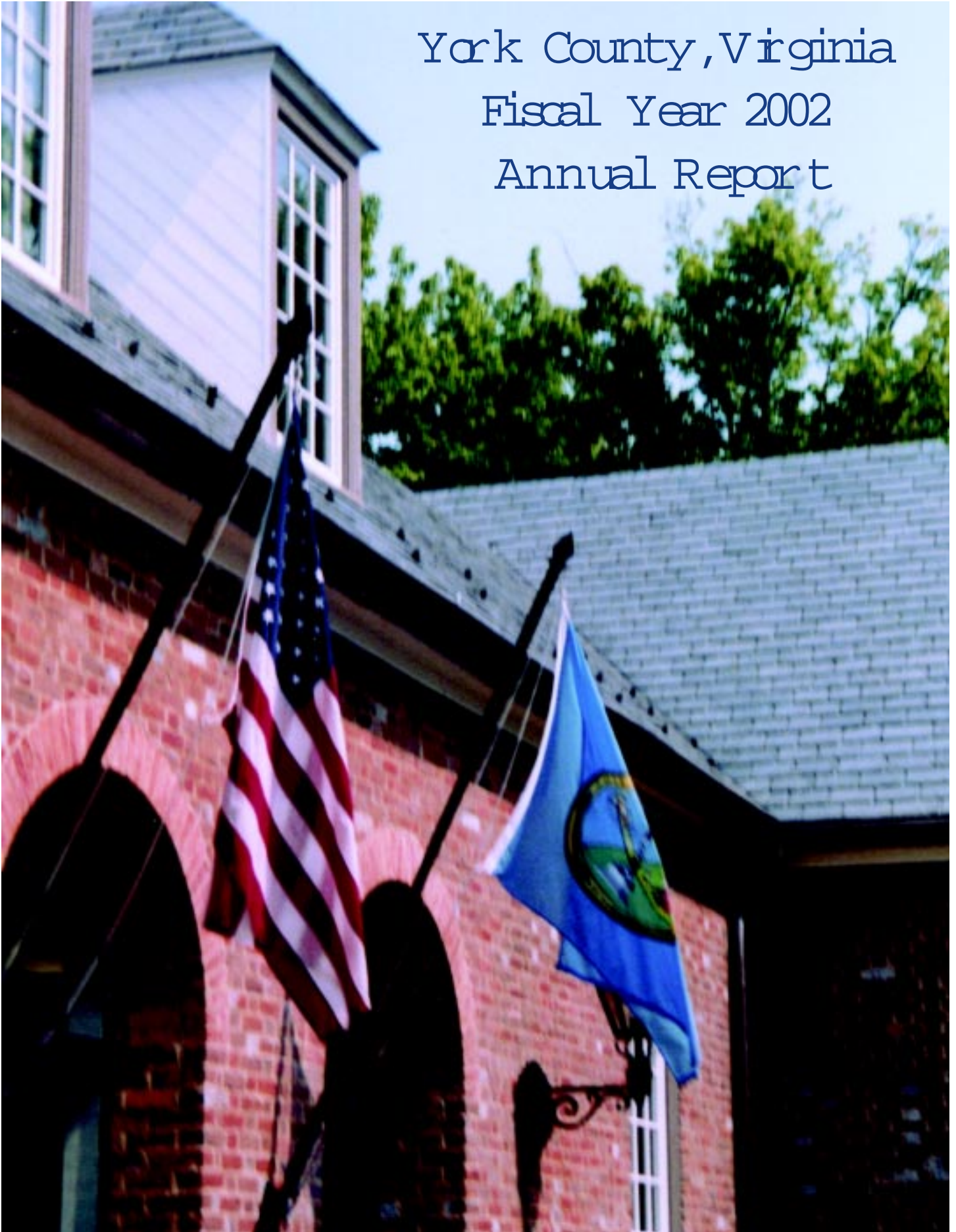


York County, Virginia
Fiscal Year 2002
Annual Report



FY02 At A Glance

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| # of Senior Center of York Participants (FY02) | 16,000 |
| # of Senior Center of York Patrons since 1991 Opening | 118,000 |
| # of Volunteer Hours in FY02 | 97,800 |
| Total Monetary and In-Kind Donations | \$177,148 |
| # of Cruise Lines Visiting Yorktown in FY02 | 6 |
| (These cruise lines made Yorktown one of the Ports of Call in their East Coast cruise packages that included such ports as Jacksonville, Savannah, Charleston, Annapolis, Baltimore and New York.) | |
| # of Site and Subdivision Plans Reviewed by EDS-Development & Compliance | 358 |
| # of Zoning and Code Violations Cited | 1,008 |
| Tons of Curbside Recycling Collected in FY02 | 3,365 |
| Tons of Trash Processed through York County Transfer Station | 130,800 |
| Tons of Leaf Collection in FY02 | 650 |
| Total Miles of Mosquito Control Drainageway Maintenance | 112 |
| Tons of Debris Removed from Drainageways | 30.7 |
| # of Building Permits Issued in FY02 by Building Regulation | 5,361 |
| (Of that number, 351 were for single-family detached units and 109 for single family attached units.) | |
| # of Building Inspections Performed by Building Regulation | 20,165 |
| Total Building Permit Fees Collected | \$532,438 |
| # Miles of Sewer Lines maintained by Utilities Operations & Engineering | 194 |
| # Miles of Water Lines maintained by Utilities Operations & Engineering | 63 |
| # of Special Use, Rezoning, Planned Development Applications Reviewed by Planning | 34 |
| (This total was more than in any other year since the adoption of the current Zoning Ordinance and Map in June 1995.) | |
| # of Registered Voters | 36,557 |
| # of Persons Who Voted in November General Election | 16,939 |
| # of County Facility Maintenance Requests Completed by Facility Maintenance | 3,060 |
| # of County Facility Emergency/Urgent Requests Completed by Facility Maintenance | 348 |
| # of Miles Logged by County Vehicles | 2,776,757 |
| Total Gallons of Gasoline Used by County Vehicles | 309,707 |
| Total Gallons of Gasoline Used by School Vehicles | 262,617 |
| # of Athletic Fields Maintained by Grounds Maintenance & Construction | 64 |
| # of Basketball Courts Maintained by Grounds Maintenance & Construction | 43 |
| # of Tennis Courts Maintained by Grounds Maintenance & Construction | 36 |
| # of Purchase Orders Issued by Purchasing | 4,980 |
| Percentage of Purchases Made from County Vendors | 23% |
| # of Paychecks Issued to Employees by Fiscal Accounting Services | 25,000 |
| # of Payment Checks Issued to Vendors by Fiscal Accounting Services | 17,000 |
| # of Bills Sent to Utility Customers by Fiscal Accounting Services | 102,300 |
| # of Properties Reassessed by Real Estate Assessment | 22,849 |
| # of Parcels Involved in the Land Use Program | 55 |
| # of Citizens Participating in Cooperative Extension Programs | 5,000 |



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Yorktown *Still* Making History

During FY02, the always-busy **Historical Committee** acquired over 200 boxes of archaeological artifacts taken from the Chischiak site in Yorktown prior to the development's construction in the late 1990s. The items were transported by committee members from a storage unit in Williamsburg to their new home in the basement of York Hall. Committee members and other volunteers are still in the



Bonnie Karwac (committee member) and archaeologist Hank Lutton (center, left to right) discuss the artifacts while visitors enjoy stepping back in time.

process of washing and cataloguing the many items, and have established the beginnings of a museum in York Hall. An exhibit area has already been opened to the public for viewing artifacts on special events and holidays.

The Celebrate Yorktown Committee, in coordination with York County, worked to open the Gallery at York Hall. This Tourist Information Center and Exhibit Hall is located on the main floor of York Hall. The Gallery held its grand opening in April with the committee's hardworking volunteers staffing the room six days a week. Items in the exhibit are for show and sale.



A look at one of the Gallery's exhibits.

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From the Chairman of the Board



Donald E. Wiggins,
Chairman, District 3

Dear Fellow Citizens:

As I sat down to compose this message to you, I began to reflect on the accomplishments made by the York County government in the past fiscal year (July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002). Of course, one event overshadowed everything that would normally have seemed important - the attacks of September 11th. I questioned the value of producing a document announcing the County's achievements in a year overshadowed by such a horrific event - especially since the men and women of our armed forces continue to fight the War on Terror. After much thought, I decided that to not complete this "report to the community" would be doing a great disservice to the men and women lost during the September 11th attacks and those we've lost during the war. They have fought, and died, so that we may continue to follow our daily routines and maintain a sense of normalcy. It is to those we've lost, and to those who continue the fight, to whom this report is dedicated. Our ability to publish it is a result of their service to this great nation.

While there are numerous accomplishments and highlights described in this report, the one of which I am most proud is the drainage improvement program. My fellow Board members and I approved a drainage improvement priority listing developed by an ad hoc Drainage Committee. I am extremely proud of all who participated in this endeavor and of the plan that has been developed to help eliminate the flooding problems throughout the County. Upon recommendation by the Committee members, a new Stormwater Drainage Committee was appointed by the Board to continue to keep drainage issues at the forefront and to advise the Board during implementation of the plan. The drainage improvement plan is evidence of the importance this Board places on improving the poor drainage situation throughout the County and we all look forward to seeing improvements completed.

Another initiative undertaken by the Board was the redistricting of the County's election districts. As a result of the 2000 Census, the County was required to realign the district boundaries to balance the number of residents in each district. Several public information meetings were held and after much discussion and input from the citizens, the staff, and the Voter Registrar's Office, the Board adopted a redistricting plan. Much information has been made available to those citizens affected by the change in district boundaries and new voter cards have been mailed to those individuals. However, with an election rapidly approaching, I recommend that you contact the Voter Registrar if you are at all unsure about where to cast your vote November 5th.

Speaking of elections, the Board welcomed its newest member in November 2001. Tom Shepperd, a former member of the Planning Commission, was elected to fill the District 5 seat. Tom's experience with the County's Planning Commission has served him well in assuming his seat on the Board.

I hope you will find the following report informative and interesting. It is intended as a small snapshot of the efforts undertaken by your County government to provide you with the programs and services that help make York County the special place that it is.

Donald E. Wiggins, Chairman
Board of Supervisors



Walter C. Zaremba
Vice-Chairman
District 1



Sheila S. Noll
District 2



James S. Burgett
District 4



Thomas G. Shepperd
District 5

A Message from the Administrator

Dear Resident:

The events of September 11, 2001 had a profound emotional and economic impact on all Americans. We have all anxiously watched the roller-coaster rides experienced on Wall Street since the attacks occurred. Fortunately, in York County, our tax base has remained strong and has grown substantially. FY02 saw the conclusion of a biennial reassessment of real estate in York County. While the average home assessment did increase, the real estate tax rate did not, thereby limiting the tax increase to our citizens. In addition, our office of Economic Development, in coordination with the Industrial Development Authority, continued to recruit new businesses resulting in the attraction of several successful business operations to York County. The Wal-Mart Supercenter was completed in the lower County and one is currently under construction on East Rochambeau Drive in Lightfoot. I am hopeful that the County's strong fiscal condition will help us through the difficult choices that will need to be made as the Commonwealth's budget situation continues to worsen.



James McReynolds
County Administrator

In an attempt to further educate our citizens on the operations of local government, our Community Services Department, in cooperation with various other County agencies, started the York County Citizen's Institute. This program was conducted each Thursday morning in May and included a presentation by the Electoral Board, a tour of the York-Poquoson Courthouse, the Regional Jail and Merrimac Juvenile Detention Facility, a visit to the County's parks and presentations by the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and Emergency Communications division, and others. I congratulate the nine citizens who attended the institute and commend them for taking an interest in their County government operations. I am also pleased to report that the next session of the Citizen's Institute is expected to begin this fall. Rest assured, we will provide ample notice for you to submit your registration forms to attend this next session.

Last October I was pleased to be a part of the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Victory Family YMCA Community Center located near the Tabb Library on Long Green Boulevard. The facility, a 45,000 square foot building, is a cooperative effort between the YMCA, the County and the City of Poquoson Industrial Development Authority. The center is targeted for completion and opening in December 2002.

This is just a small sampling of the events of FY02. I ask that you take a few moments and turn the pages of this report to view more of the hard work of your York County government.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James O. McReynolds".

James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

The County Attorney

The York County Attorney provides full-time legal services in civil matters and litigation to the Board of Supervisors, County Administrator and the five departments of the County. In addition, the County Attorney represents the School Board, School Superintendent and school system, York-Poquoson Social Services, the County's Constitutional Officers and many boards, commissions and agencies such as the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

The York County Attorney's Office is a two-attorney office that places particular emphasis on the "proactive" practice of law - that is, trying to stay abreast of developments in the law as they affect County agencies and departments, providing ongoing legal counseling, and trying to avert legal problems before they arise. The office is involved during the early stages of the programs and activities undertaken by the County's schools, government departments and agencies to ensure awareness of legal issues related to the administration and provision of these programs and services.



James E. Barnett, Jr.
County Attorney

Constitutional Officers

The York-Poquoson Commonwealth's Attorney



Eileen Addison serves as the chief prosecutor for York County and Poquoson, and is responsible for prosecuting all felonies, crimes of domestic violence and certain misdemeanor cases that occur in York County and Poquoson. The

Commonwealth's Attorney also supervises the Victim-Witness Assistance Program which assists crime victims, their families and witnesses.

During FY02, the office prosecuted over 9,000 criminal cases in the Circuit, General District, and Juvenile & Domestic Relations courts, including 180 cases involving incidents of domestic violence. During the same period, the staff of the Victim-Witness Assistance Program provided services to approximately 1,400 victims and witnesses. In addition, office personnel served on multidisciplinary teams to facilitate criminal justice services, child and adult protective services, and the office is in the process of organizing a similar project to form a domestic violence fatality review team.

York-Poquoson Sheriff Danny Diggs serves as the



chief law enforcement officer for the County and provides courtroom security and civil process service for the Circuit, General District, and Juvenile & Domestic Relations courts for York County and Poquoson.

In Fiscal Year 2002, the York County Sheriff's Office responded to more than 34,000 calls for service from the residents and businesses in the County. In addition, deputies issued 3,300 tickets for traffic safety violations, served more than 20,000 civil process papers and arrested over 1,100 adults and 190 juveniles for various crimes committed in York County.

Also, the newly formed Crime Prevention Division conducted 110 events that involved 5,400 citizens. Some of these events were Neighborhood Watch, E-mail Alert Program, Safety Town, Business Crime Prevention, and the Graffiti Abatement Program.

Finally, the York County Sheriff's Office announced the Project Homesafe gunlock safety program. York County was the first jurisdiction in the state to initiate this program that provides free gunlocks to homeowners. To date, more than 800 gunlocks have been issued to residents of York County.

Circuit Court Clerk Lynn Jenkins serves as custodian



of court litigation records--lawsuits, divorces and land disputes--and of other legal records such as adoptions, land records and wills. The Clerk's Office issues subpoenas, marriage licenses, and concealed handgun permits, and prepares jury lists and court

orders. In addition, the Clerk of the Circuit Court admits wills to probate, grants administration of estates and appoints guardians. Office records date back to 1633.

In FY02, Mrs. Jenkins and her staff have filed 1,986 cases of a criminal law and chancery nature; initiated 241 wills; docketed 2,023 judgments, and recorded over 22,500 deeds/land records. In addition to filing 462 fictitious name certificates, the office issued 462 marriage licenses, 264 notary qualifications and 161 concealed handgun permits.

Treasurer Deborah Robinson is responsible for



collecting taxes and fees, making payments on behalf of the local government, and managing the investment of local funds.

In FY02, the Treasurer's Office collected over \$53 million in personal property and real estate taxes. The office issued 60,099 vehicle decals and 4,410 dog tags. Also, at the end of FY02, the office achieved a record high in the amount of funds invested for the County.

Commissioner of the Revenue Ann H. Thomas serves

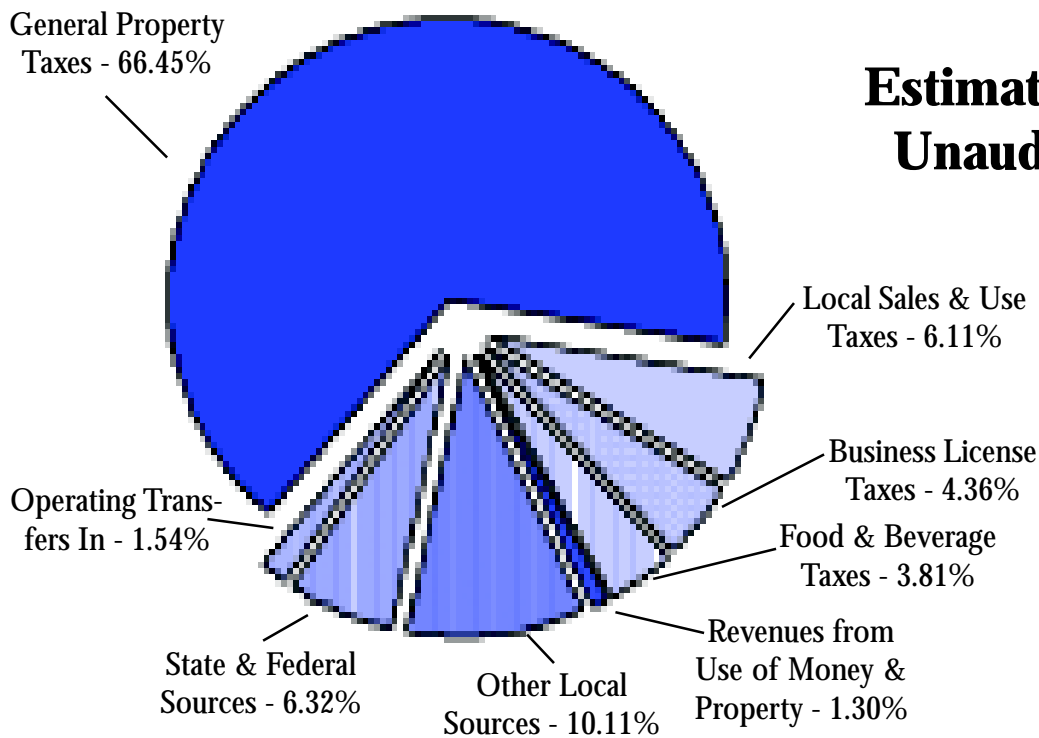


as chief assessing officer of the local government. Some of the taxes processed include personal property, real estate, business license, lodging and others. In addition, the office coordinates the processing of the state income tax.

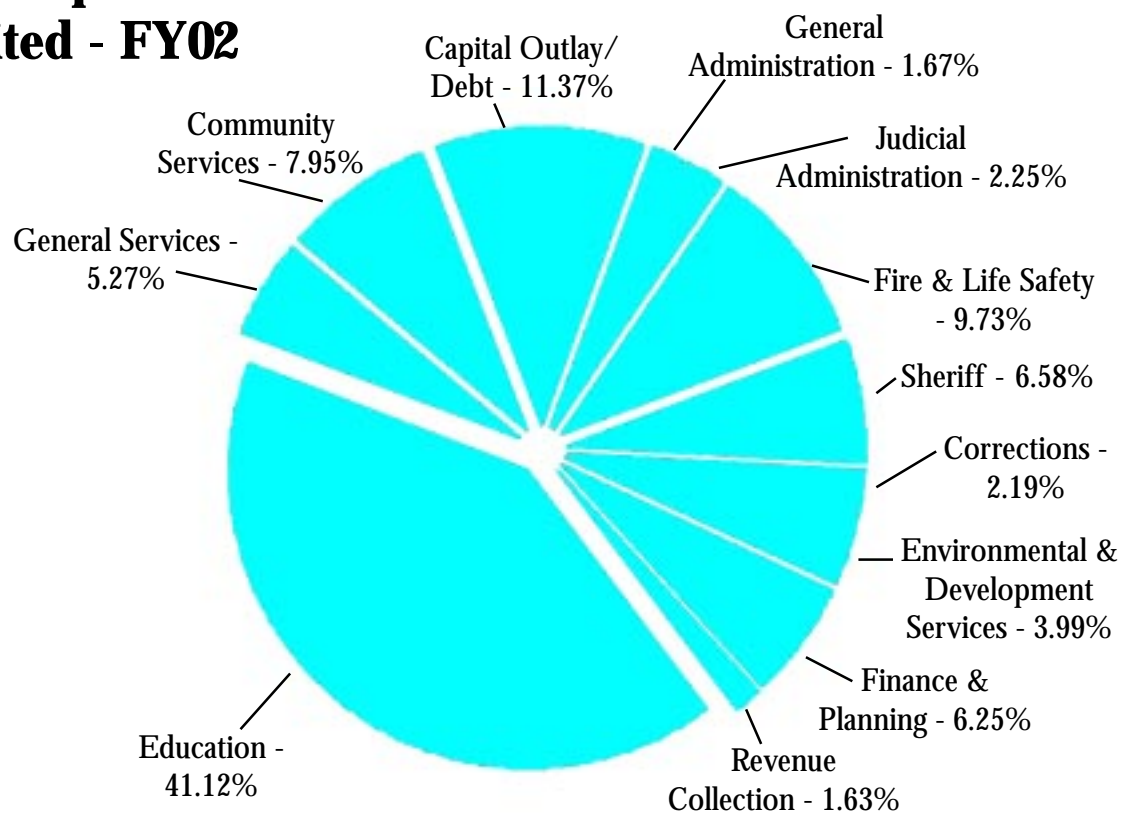
In FY02, the office assessed over 55,000 taxable personal property items and over 9,300 items of business tangible personal property. The office issued 4,464 business licenses and processed over 1,180 real estate transfers and wills. The office staff was busy screening 15,000 state income tax returns and mailing over 1,700 letters to citizens regarding errors in their returns which resulted in a combined savings of \$88,000 to those taxpayers.

Revenues & Expenditures

Estimated Revenues Unaudited - FY02



Estimated Expenditures Unaudited - FY02



FY02 Awards and Grants

For the sixteenth consecutive year, the County's **Department of Financial & Management Services** was given the Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officer's Association for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

National Association of Counties
Award for:

Virtual Firefighter

An on-line teaching site for children where they can learn about a firefighter's equipment and bunker gear.

Yorktown Projects (an office of County Administration) received additional grant money in FY02, bringing the total grant monies received to \$2.5 million. These funds are used in the Yorktown Waterfront Revitalization to include the Riverwalk Project.

National Association of Counties
Award for:

Re-Birth Certificate Program

Celebrates life and gives re-birth certificates to resuscitated individuals commemorating the first day of their new life.

A \$100,000 award was given to the Division of **Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization** which was chosen as one of five pilot sites for the Virginia Individual Development Account (VIDA). Eligible citizen participants in the program are provided with grant monies that are used to match the savings in the individual's accounts at a 2 to 1 ratio, up to a total of \$6,000.

National Association of Counties
Award for:

Hybrid Emergency Response Vehicle

A modified short-bed pickup truck is a cost effective replacement for the existing sports utility vehicle typically utilized for this function.

York-Poquoson Social Services' Eligibility Unit received several awards this year including the Food Stamp Payment Accuracy Certificate Award, the Food Stamp Payment Accuracy Cash Award (\$1,000) and the Food Stamp Payment Accuracy Award.

York-Poquoson received \$50,000 for the Adoption and Supportive Services Grant which provides therapy, case management, community awareness, and community education.

Received by York County

The Division of Special Programs, in cooperation with **Environmental & Development Services**, coordinated efforts toward the development of the Wetlands Education and Interpretive Center at Charles Brown Park. To date, \$65,000 in grant funding has been received.

York's Virginia Cooperative Extension received a \$4,000 grant from the Department of Forestry to provide educational signage at the Wetlands Interpretive Center currently under construction at Charles Brown Park.

York-Poquoson Social Services received \$26,000 through the Child Care Development Block Grant. The major goal of this grant-funded program is to prevent risk situations to children where inappropriate youth and adults are providing care to children of working parents.

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The Division of Children's Services received \$12,500 from Square One for literacy initiatives, and \$656 from Hampton Roads Water Efficiency Team for curriculum materials on water conservation.

National Association of Counties
Award for:

Beautiful York County Calendar

This 12-month calendar promotes art in the schools and provides educational information on environmental matters.

National Association of Counties
Award for:

"Help" Format for Purchasing Policies & Procedures

This "help" feature provides assistance to visitors to the Purchasing Division's site.

National Association of Counties
Award for:

Organizational Staff Development: Assessing and Improving the Level of Staff Morale

Staff members were tested, results were compiled and new programs were successfully implemented.

Your Safety – A Top Priority

“We have a top-knotch group of emergency services personnel in York County. Their average response time to an emergency is under five minutes.”

**--Tom Shepperd,
District 5
Supervisor**

Upon receiving notification about the terrorist attacks of September 11th, emergency responders nationwide immediately mobilized and put their emergency operations plans into action. York County's Department of Fire & Life Safety was among them. Within minutes of the attacks, the County's critical facilities (E911 Communications Center and the Public Safety Building which houses Fire & Life Safety and the Sheriff's Office) were secured allowing access to authorized personnel only. Other facilities, such as the courthouse, fire stations and school buildings, went to a heightened level of awareness.

Shortly afterward, the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was opened, communications were established with local military bases, neighboring jurisdictions, the BP/Amoco Refinery (now owned by Giant), and the Dominion Virginia Power Station, to gather information, and briefings were held with key EOC staff.

The Department of Fire & Life Safety, along with the Sheriff's Office, worked collectively to ensure the protection of the citizens and visitors of the County. Both agencies continue to remain vigilant

for any potential threats to our community and continue to coordinate efforts of information sharing and response.

The department sent its members of the FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Teams, along with other members of VATF2 and other FEMA teams, to the

Pentagon as part of the response to the events of that day. In the end, one of the worst days in America's history brought out the best of all Americans.

Throughout the year, the threat of terrorist events influenced planning and development of preparedness and training programs.

Other important activities were coordinated by Fire & Life Safety throughout the past fiscal year:

Fire & Life Safety personnel responded as part of FEMA's Urban Search and Rescue VATF2 to Salt Lake City in support of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Members of the department participated in training of its personnel in Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting in preparation for the 2003 Aviation

World's Fair to be held at the Newport News/Williamsburg airport.

A new dive/technical rescue vehicle was placed into service in April. "Squad 4" provides much improved capabilities for dive and technical rescue incidents, as well as a mobile command post for other extended events.

The Department has been a key partner in a regional cooperative effort to find a location for, fund and build a live fire training facility, or "burn building," for fire departments on the peninsula. The facility opened in January and provides live-fire training opportunities using state of the art technology.



**Training for Aircraft
Rescue and Firefighting.**



On September 11th, members of the FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Team were sent to the Pentagon.

A Growing Economy

Despite the downturn in the national economy, York County's business parks continued to see steady investment. The York River Commerce Park welcomed its second tenant, Ryson International, a materials handling equipment company that will ultimately construct a 40,000 square foot building.



Seaford Transfer's new facility on Freedom Boulevard in Victory Industrial Park.

Seaford Transfer completed its new facility in Victory Industrial Park and the Bush Company broke ground on its second multi-tenant industrial flex building in the Penniman Road Commerce Center. New product development in FY01 was also highlighted by Busch Properties decision to develop the second phase of Busch Industrial Park. Busch is extending road, water and sewer that will open up over 30 acres for new light industrial development.

Upper York County, and specifically the Lightfoot Corridor, continued to be a major economic development success story. In FY01, the Williamsburg Community Hospital announced plans to construct a 100,000 square foot Ambulatory Care Facility and ultimately relocate the entire hospital to an 83-acre tract adjacent to the new Mooretown Road. At the same time, Wal-Mart began construction of their long-anticipated Supercenter on East Rochambeau adjacent to Lowe's. These two projects validated the County's long-term strategy of developing and promoting this

area as a regional shopping and service destination.

In January 2002, the Office of Economic Development sent approximately 1,200 surveys to the business community. As of July 2002, the office has received approximately 210 responses for a 17.5% return rate. The response rate was better than the 2000 survey and the variety of replies have provided valuable feedback.

40% of the respondents rated York County's economic development efforts as either excellent or good, while 21% had no opinion. 68% of the respondents believe that the County is an excellent, or good, place to run a business.

The Office of Economic Development and the Industrial Development Authority cooperatively presented several events during the year to foster business to business networking, recognize business contributions to the community, and acknowledge new investment in York County. These activities included: Business Leader Roundtables, business seminars, business breakfasts, the annual Occasion for the Industry held in the fall of 2001, and the Business Appreciation Week reception held at the Watermen's Museum in the spring of 2002.

"As a business owner, I know the importance a strong economy has on a municipal government. Our IDA works closely with the existing business community to identify and respond to issues and concerns."

--Don Wiggins,
Chairman,
District 3



IDA Chairman Rick Moberg (left) and Board of Supervisors Chairman Don Wiggins (right) address the crowd at the 2002 Business Appreciation reception held at the Watermen's Museum.

Technology to the Forefront

“Utilizing technology has allowed us to provide more information to the citizens of this County. Residents can now watch the Board during work sessions as well as regular meetings.”

**--Walt Zaremba,
Vice-Chairman,
District 1**

The Department of Fire & Life Safety's Emergency Communications division, in partnership with the City of Richmond and Plant Equipment, installed a mapping tool for use with E911 wireless deployment. The system uses existing York County geographic information system data, as well as a global positioning satellite, to determine the location of an emergency caller. A map display is also made available to the E911 dispatcher.

In April 2001, Fire & Life Safety's E911 Division implemented a new technology system that allows the County to determine the address and location of someone making a 9-1-1 call from a wireless cell phone. This E911 Phase II deployment was the first of its kind in Virginia and was the first in the United States to use EFLT (Enhanced

Forward Link Trilateration) technology within the handset of the cellular phone to determine a caller's location in an emergency. This capability was started by Verizon Wireless along with their E911 service provider, TeleCommunications Systems (TCS). As an interesting addition, the founder and CEO of TCS

also happens to be a York County native and graduate of York High School.

Fire & Life Safety participated in the coordination of a regional communications/radio project. After meeting with James City County, Williamsburg, and Poquoson, a regional project was initiated between York and James City

County. A needs assessment was conducted of the future communications needs of both localities in order to promote the improved radio capability coverage and interoperability between York and James City. The second phase of the process, which is system design and acquisition, is now underway. Once completed, this will enable York County and James City to better interact via radio communications in emergency response situations.

The Video Services Division (of Community Services) is responsible for all programming on Cable Channel 46. During FY02, Video Services broadcast 57 meetings (including Board of Supervisors, School Board, and Planning Commission). The division produced 15 “County Courier” interview programs, and 23 “York News” informational shows.



Terry Hall, York County's Communications Manager, speaks to reporters at a press conference about new technology.



Judge Merlin Renne, General District Court, (shown above) and Amanda Hays, Criminal Justice Planner, appeared on “County Courier.”

In addition, the staff of Video Services produced 81 special productions that ranged in length from two minutes (46 individual York County School Division public service announcements) to two hours (four high school graduations). Training and support was provided to individuals making presentations during

Technology to the Forefront

broadcasted meetings at York Hall.

During the spring of 2002, digital aerial photography was taken that will be used to update the County's geographic information system, which is maintained by the division of Computer Support Services (of Financial & Management Services).

Computer Support Services also worked diligently during FY02 to expand the County's wide area network to serve more than 700 users - to include County employees, Board of Supervisors, library patrons, all Courts, Constitutional Officers, and more. The division provides technical support to 540 personal computers deployed over sixty square miles and used by 750 employees. York County is unique in that it provides all of its employees with access to a computer, e-mail and the Internet. Few governments in Virginia have reached that level of deployment, which enables employees better interaction among departments and with citizens.

Several County offices have placed registration forms and other information on the County's website:

www.yorkcounty.gov.

Some of those include:

Commissioner of the Revenue and Treasurer - Internet submittable forms are available for vehicle registration and to request a vehicle decal.

Commonwealth Attorney's Office - A "Topic of the Month" has been added to the site. Updated every

month, the "topic" relates to court, victims issues, or law.

Environmental & Development Services - Services can now be requested through the website. Also, a telephone service request program is being developed for persons without internet connection.

Financial & Management Services - Computer Support Services has made available downloadable maps and lists of property sales for the last six months.

Sheriff's Office - The D.A.R.E. program site includes a submittable form to request a D.A.R.E. presentation, community events, and more.

Virginia Cooperative Extension - Announcements regarding classes, workshops and programs are on-line. Citizens may register on-line with an internet-submittable form. In addition, publications are also on the web.

Voter Registrar - A candidate information site for persons interested in running for office was added in FY02. In addition, the site has been linked to our federal and state representatives' respective sites.

"During my seven years on the Board I have been proud of the County's technological development. In many areas, York is considered to be at the forefront."

--Sheila Noll,
District 2
Supervisor

The York County Public Library



Reference Librarian Elizabeth Pessagno (second from left) works with students on a computer at the Tabb Library.

system enhanced its materials collection by adding a selection of DVD movies and music CDs. A portable computer lab was installed at the Tabb Library for patrons, library staff, and County employees.

A County That Cares

“Our greatest concern? The people of York County. Every day the Board and staff work hard to ensure that living in York County is a pleasure to all who have decided to make the County their home.”

**--Jim Burgett,
District 4
Supervisor**

In order to continue giving York County residents excellent service, the County's Human Resources division (of Financial & Management Services) expanded the staff training program into leadership development, safety and employment issues. Individual training profiles for each position within the County structure have been developed and form the basis of a “core” training curriculum for all County employees.

The Real Estate Assessment office (of Financial & Management Services) completed the 2002 Biennial Assessment of 22,849 properties. Most property assessments increased, reflecting the strong market value of York County properties as a whole.

The Composting Facility, located at the Waste Management Center, recycled 25,500 tons of yard waste last year, including 11,000 tons of material from County residents and curbside collections. The materials were turned into compost and mulch sold at the facility, proceeds of which reduce processing costs for the year.

In an attempt to reduce the number of mosquitoes in the County, Drainage & Mosquito Control (of Environmental & Development Services) performed a contracted mosquito surveillance and larviciding service at the Naval Weapons Station and Cheatham Annex. The County is reimbursed for this service which has the added benefit of source reduction for the communities adjacent to those facilities.

To further beautify our public facilities, and to enable citizens to better locate our offices, several signs bearing the new County logo and building name were installed at County facility entrances.

Been to Yorktown recently? Then you might have ridden the free trolley. The division of Vehicle Maintenance (of General Services) is actively involved in the daily operations of the Yorktown Trolley. During the past year, the trolley has transported more than 15,900 passengers. A pool of five part-time drivers covered approximately 8,500 miles in FY02.

The Seaford Elementary School gymnasium was completed and opened in September 2001 for both school and community recreational use. The facility has been widely used by Parks & Recreation for adult Aerobics classes, Creative Movement classes for young children, Tap Dancing for youth and adults, and for the County's Youth Basketball program.

Play ball! Grounds Maintenance & Construction (of General Services) completed work on athletic fields at Mt. Vernon Elementary School and Kiln Creek's softball field, added new tennis court fencing to Back Creek Park, renovated athletic fields at Bailey Field and Chisman Creek Park, the Magruder and Coventry Elementary School soccer fields, and the Charles Brown Park Adult Baseball League diamond.

The division of Parks & Recreation (of Community Services) joined with the York County Youth Commission



Leaf Collection in York County.

A County That Cares

and the Victory Family YMCA in forming a coalition in support of Virginia's "Right Choices for Youth" (RCFY) program. This program is designed to help communities provide teens and their parents with research-based information with regards to making healthy lifestyle choices concerning five at-risk behaviors: alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sex and violence. York County was one of eleven localities designated by the state as a "2002 Right Choice for Youth Community" and hosted a Community RCFY Forum in May attended by almost 70 community leaders and youth workers.

The Children's Services division (of Community Services) opened one full day/full year classroom in response to an expressed need of families needing full time child care. This initiative was so successful that another classroom was opened in May. This program is funded through federal and state resources, as well as parent tuition on a sliding scale fee basis.

The annual Summer Reading Program again proved popular with the York County Library's younger patrons. Children aged 2 to 12 signed up to read books for prizes and attended entertaining and educational shows throughout the summer at both libraries. Story hours were presented for toddlers, preschoolers, and grade school children throughout the year. A Battle of the Books reading comprehension competition was held for children in grades 4 through 8.

Some youth in the County require further assistance for a brighter future.

The division of Juvenile Services (of Community Services) has several programs to assist youth in getting back on the right track.

In FY02, seven people volunteered in the House Arrest program - a cost-effective alternative to supervising youth in the community. These volunteers helped with twenty-nine young people for a total of 1,197 child care days. Court monitors contributed a total of 397 hours with a monetary value of \$3,176.

The Family Oriented Group Home, a specialized foster care program for delinquent youth, hosted eighteen youth for a total of 2,753 child care days. During this time, however, three youth gained employment, one passed the GED, and 85% achieved an average GPA in their respective schools. Recruitment of new homes is an ongoing initiative and three new families were recruited and approved in FY02.

In lieu of more traditional punishments, youth are often referred by judges, probation officers or intake officers to the Project Insight program. As part of the program, youth perform community service, some through the Group Assignment Project (GAP). GAP uses part-time staff to provide close supervision of groups of three to four youth. Project Insight youth have been participating in a GAP site at Charles Brown Park to restore wetlands. Youth are performing manual labor and also learning about the Army Corps of Engineers and the environmental significance of their tasks.

"Every day, I am more impressed by the skill, dedication and, above all, concern that our staff shows to the people of York County."
--James "Mac" McReynolds,
County Administrator



Members of the GAP program work to clean Brown Park.

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